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Christie Schultz

Orchestrans dancers are captured here in a multiple exposure photograph. The group performed *Dance Motif* at the Horowitz Theatre on January 31. See review page 9.

COOK-OFF HIGHLIGHTS STUDENT DEBT

Macaroni masterpieces draw media spotlight to rising costs of post-secondary education

by Jeremy Shragge

Julia Child would not have been impressed. Martha Stewart would have had a fit. Even the Galloping Gourmet would have shrieked in agony; but that did not phase SU vp external Heather Taylor as she hosted the SU's Macaroni Cook-Off yesterday in SUB.

The contestants included provincial minister of Advanced Education, Clint Dunford, Liberal advanced education critic Howard Sapers, SU president Stephen Curran, and several other would-be chefs. The object was for contestants to create their favourite and most original dish containing macaroni and cheese.

The winner of the event was

Clint Dunford with his macaroni and beef soup. *The Gateway's* representatives, Laura Matheson and Dan Lazin, came in second with their ultra-cheesey macaroni and cheese dish. Contestants were judged based on such criteria as taste, cost and practicality. The entries were judged by a panel of four undergrad students, U of A vp academic Doug O'ram, and Dean of Business Mike Percy.

The cook-off, inspired by a similar event held at McGill University, was the highlight of activities held yesterday here at the University in observance of National Student Debt Day.

According to Taylor, the main purpose of the cook-off was to gar-

"[The activities are] to show the public that not all students believe in marching on the legislature ... or occupying the offices of the CIBC."

— SU vp external Heather Taylor

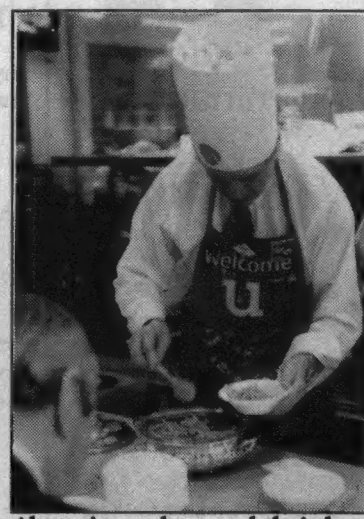
ner media attention to student financial woes. Taylor says that even before the event happened she had already given three radio interviews. Present to cover the cook-off live was CBC-TV, A-Channel, CFRN, and the *Edmonton Sun*.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), the day

organized to shine the spotlight on the financial plight of students on campuses across Canada.

Taylor said that the events were to highlight "an awareness day, to show the public that not all students believe in marching on the legislature ... or occupying the offices of the CIBC."

During the Canadian Federation of Students' national day of protest last Wednesday, a group of students in Toronto attempted to occupy the head offices of the CIBC. Taylor believes that such displays of civil disobedience are counter-productive in the fight against skyrocketing student debt. Taylor said there are "alternate ways for achieving change."



Christie Schultz

Alumni members and their hats were busy at yesterday's event.

Now we fight: The U of A Debate Club will be the centre of the debate universe this year when it hosts Nationals.....*News, page 3*

Read some letters: We've got letters And not much else. Dig that lack of space.....*Opinion, page 4*

Millencolin: It was such a good show, the fans were swinging from the rafters. No kidding.....*Entertainment, page 8*

Pandas Basketball: Once again, the womens' basketball team kicks their opponent's ass.....*Sports, page 10*

'To be right is far more important than to win. I'd rather be on the outside with my own self-respect ... than to be on the inside with the applause of the crowd.'

— Former Alberta MLA Louise McKinney, the first woman in the British Empire to sit in an elected legislature



CAMPUS CONNECTION

A collection of news and events from Universities across Canada

Profs to Strike?

The Carleton University Academic Staff Association (CUASA) recently approved a resolution for its executive to call a strike vote if a limit isn't placed on academic staff layoffs. This vote came after Carleton's senate voted on December 5th to close eight language programs and introduce major changes to undergraduate physics and environmental sciences, meaning a loss of 30 academic jobs. This resolution paves a way to a legal strike that could be called after May 1. The administration has rejected proposals from CUASA

that would only lay off those who wanted to leave. David Van Dine, assistant director of Academic Staff Relations, is confident that a reasonable compromise will be reached.

by Jeff Meerman,

Carleton University Charlantan

Auschwitz Apology

The Cord, Wilfred Laurier University's student newspaper, recently made a front page apology for inadvertently publishing an advertisement placed by the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust that offered a \$50,000 reward to whomever could get their 90-

minute video questioning the authenticity of the Auschwitz gas chambers on prime time television. The Cord staff thought the ad was impartial when they first scanned it; once in print, a professor brought it to the shocked attention of the Cord's editor-in-chief.

To atone for publishing the ad, the Cord has apologized and printed an article from the Canadian Jewish Congress that addresses the issue of Holocaust denial.

by Natalie Gillis,

University of Waterloo Imprint

— compiled by Leanne Garon

NO DRUGS ON CAMPUS

But drugs are easy to get, says anonymous student

by Gregory Pang

If you're interested in finding a deal on illegal drugs on campus, you might be a little disappointed.

According to Campus Security statistics on drug-based incidents for the past two years, there has been little to no activity. No more than a few minor incidents of marijuana use each month were reported, said Doug Langevin, director of Campus Security.

"There have not been a lot of reports of abuse of drugs on campus, and I'm talking over the full 13-plus years I have been director. In the first few years it was a bit of a surprise."

Langevin's surprise at the small incidence of drug use is common. In a university environment, where many students have the stress of homework, exams, part-time jobs, and athletic or academic competition, one might think drug use would be higher than in the regular population.

However, a student wishing to be identified only as Jane, said

the existence of narcotics in the U of A area is undeniable.

"I wouldn't say that I see [drugs] on campus. I would say that I know they're around in the student community." She said that the reason people do not see much of drugs on campus is because they know the repercussions of being caught by authorities with

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— U of A student
"Jane"

any illegal substances. Jane, having experimented with street drugs herself, said it is quite easy to obtain the goods through campus connections. "Almost everything except heroin" can be readily obtained, such as pot, magic mushrooms (or 'shrooms), and LSD, said Jane.

But Judy Hancock, Health Education Coordinator at University Health Services, said illicit use of drugs is not a serious issue at the moment, though she does not deny the possibility of drug abuse on campus.

According to Hancock, there may be a low rate of drug abuse because "we still live in a culture where we don't want to admit [these] nasty things happen."

In athletics, reports of anabolic steroid use is equally uncommon. Director of Campus Recreation Hugh Hoyle said, "We haven't had evidence of the use of drugs."

If drugs are found on any students participating in intermural or varsity sports, then Campus Recreation policy is that the offending students be barred from any further recreation activities.

Authorities from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and Grant MacEwan Community College also said that there have never been any incidents of drug use on their respective campuses.

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Reminder: The deadline for submission of Candidate Packages to the CRO is 5:00 PM, Friday, 13 February, 1998.

U OF A TO HOST DEBATE FINALS

140 of Canada's best arguers to converge on campus

by Jeremy Shragge

If you run at the first sign of controversy, suffer from migraine headaches, or just plain hate other people's opinions, then the U of A Debate Society (UADS) has the solution for your antisocial tendencies: the National Debating Championships.

From March 6 - 8, the U of A Debate Society will be hosting the 1998 Canadian University Debating Championships, at various locations around campus.

This year's competition will have a distinctly western flavour, from the accommodations at West Edmonton Mall to the country cabaret. Tournament co-director Leslie Church is certain that this year's competition, the first in western Canada for over 15 years, will be one to remember.

"[Last year's championships] were fun, but we're going to put on a better show than Dal," boasted Church, referring to last year's tournament host, Halifax's Dalhousie University.

The national tournament will see approximately 140 debaters, 300 judges, and countless rowdy

debating fanatics converge on the U of A campus. Teams are expected from all over Canada, from St. John's to Victoria.

There will, however, be one

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— Tournament co-director Leslie Church

notable absence: The U of A. UADS members will be leading the army of volunteers organizing and running the tournament. They will not have the opportunity to participate in the competition.

Organizers are expecting a lot of good old Canadian regional rivalry. Schools east of the Manitoba-Ontario border have a different debate style than schools in the West. The format of debating used by debating clubs in this part of the country is called Western Canadian Parliamentary. Each debate

involves two teams of two, representing government and opposition, arguing the pros and cons of a resolution parliamentary style, including individual speeches, heckling and points of order.

When asked if the format of the competition would give the teams from B.C. and the Prairies an advantage over the competition, Church said, "I wouldn't go so far as to say that. Debating out east is great ... there are a lot more schools... [and] they have a different tournament every weekend. I expect a lot of eastern Canadian teams to make the [quarter-finals]."

The highlights of the weekend will include a 'stress release get together' (basically, a festival of inebriation) on Friday night; a black tie banquet at the Fantasyland hotel on Saturday; and the national final on Sunday afternoon.

Church said that the tournament will be the first visit to Alberta for most of the eastern competitors.

She hopes that the experience will leave them with a positive impression of the west.

Show celebrates all sizes

Fashion focus falls on health rather than weight

by Atley Jonas

The U of A will get a taste of Paris or Milan on February 4, with the upcoming sixth annual All Sizes Fashion Show, put on by the U of A Peer Health Educators.

The show will be part of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, and its focus is to help students overcome preoccupations with unrealistic body sizes.

"We want [students] to focus on health rather than body weight," said Judy Hancock, Health Education Coordinator at University Health Services. "We are trying to show that this is a men's issue as well."

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—Judy Hancock, Health Education Coordinator

About 30 health educators and 32 models, many of them volunteers, will take part in this year's show, which is expected to draw over 500 people, said Hancock.

The fashion show will be held in Dinwoodie Lounge at 7 p.m. The evening's features include a short drama production, an image gallery,

and an assortment of door prizes.

Fashions range from casual, every-day jeans and tops to classic, higher-end fashions, says Hancock. One of the most popular highlights of the evening is the lingerie collection.

"Many men are surprised at how good the women can look," explains Hancock. "We want to show that you don't have to be a size two to look good."

For more information, call University Health Services at 492-2612, extension 2300. Information about the show is also up on the website at: <http://www.ualberta.ca/~jhancock/HealthEd.html>.

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Letters to the Editor

Editorial

Here comes the bus (if you're lucky)

The city of Edmonton once had a bus system. The city decided that it was bad. So they introduced a program called *Horizon 2000*, which was supposed to take input from citizens and make newer, more efficient bus routes. Their hearts were pure; their minds were free. *Horizon 2000* loomed on the ... horizon?

And now, what have we gained from this great undertaking?

Three travel options.

One: stay home. Believe me, this one is very attractive when compared to the other options.

Two: lay train tracks to the University, and take VIA.

Three: take the bus.

Since number two is out of my price range (although somewhat faster), I'm often forced to use my third option. Sadly, I can't accept it as anything other than a third option, since it's so pathetic.

It now takes 30 to 45 minutes to take the bus and then transfer to the LRT, while it still takes only 15 minutes to drive to school. And before *Horizon 2000* brought in its sweeping changes, it took 30 to 45 minutes. Why would the city spend a great big wad of cash to find out how to make the bus routes exactly the same (or worse) than they were in the first place? The number 12 has become the number one, and follows the exact same route, only less fre-

quently.

The "direct" route to University they created to replace another route comes so rarely that I might as well stand on the roof with a net and gamble on catching a comet to school like the Little Prince.

Thus my dilemma unfolds. There are no comets streaming through the inner atmosphere at 8:48 am, which is exactly when I would have to start the car to get to school on time. But when my car won't start, shouldn't there be an option other than catching a comet on the snowy roof of my house? You'd think that I could count on Edmonton transit three times a week to take me to school in under half an hour.

If the routes were straight, I could be at school faster and cheaper, and probably happier. But there are only so many residential streets a person can ride down before they realize that they can't even remember where the hell they were going, or why.

People, especially students, don't have the time or energy to truly appreciate weaving 23 blocks to actually travel ten. And for \$1.60, I'll stand on the roof. I think if the city's going to spend all that money on a campaign to fix the bus system, they might as well fix the bus system while they're at it.

Neal Ozano
News Editor

Contributors

Mimi Williams, Oluseyi Oladele, All of the cartoonists who were bumped due to size constraints, Dan Lazin, Leanne Garon, Jeremy Shragge x who cares, Pavel Chekov, Graham Bakay, Barrie Tanner, Laura Matheson, Denise Fernandes, Jason "Rumpleforeskin" Glabb, Jennifer Park, Christie Schultz, Stephen Hamblin, Patrick Fowlow, Kyla Keir, Kelly Shinkaruk, Greg Pang, Catherine Solmes, Dulcie Meatheringham
Please note: 12 pages was not our idea. Maybe there will be comics and content next time. If you care, write the SU.

Protestors don't speak for every- one

I hope that the public does not think that the student group STORM is representative of post-secondary students in this province.

I chose to come to University, as did the students in STORM. The difference between those students and myself (and others like me) is I do not believe society 'owes' me my university education.

My education is an investment. Invest today, profit later, hopefully. I say hopefully because there are no job guarantees, but I understand this as well.

Taxpayers of this country foot the bill for over 70% of my university education. Apparently STORM members and the Edmonton and District Labour Council feel this is unfair. They want more from you. What they fail to mention is unless money is taken from some other social service (maybe health care?), taxes must increase to cover the cost of their 'free' education. Higher taxes!! I think it's a real winning idea!!

The real kicker will be when the members of STORM graduate and become members of the taxpaying public. Who wants to bet they will be the first in line to complain about high taxes. Won't that be ironic?

James Faraday
Mining Engineering IV

Clinton can't be trusted

To say that the American president's alleged affair was merely a lapse of morality and intelligence is an offensively glaring understatement. To suggest that the events and activities of his personal life should have no effect on his professional life is a show of ignorance on the part of Mr. Stiles. How can the American people leave the fate of their country and that of their own lives in the hands of a liar? If he is able to look into the faces of his wife and daughter and deny these allegations, knowing in his heart that they are true, what's to keep him from lying to the American people? Or the people of the world, for that matter?

How can a man who cannot even serve the best interests of his family — adultery is legal grounds for divorce — possibly serve the best interests of an entire nation? The people of the USA will forever doubt and mistrust this man. This may be true of his international affairs as well (no, not those kinds of affairs). The world leaders that he must negotiate and work with will also know of this scandal. How much respect can these leaders possibly have for a man who can't keep his zipper up and lies to his entire country? How will this lack of respect affect Mr. Clinton's influence with these world leaders?

Stiles says that, just because he's the president, it doesn't mean he automatically becomes a "tower of righteousness," but I say that because he is the president of the largest democracy in the world, he must be just that.

The leaders of our societies must lead, and someone with as much power and influence as Mr. Clinton must necessarily set the standard for the people whom he or she leads. For Clinton to allow his morality and intelligence to slide in this, or any, situation compromises the people's faith in his possession of those qualities and in him. He should remember that it is precisely the people's faith in him that got him where he is today. Without the people's faith — and I wonder if he still has any — he does not belong in or anywhere near the Oval Office, unless he is perhaps pushing a vacuum cleaner around it.

Lisa Benschop
Arts II

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My favourite word



Mimi Williams

My three year old son Alex's favourite word is *no*. Well, actually it's *poopie* but that word doesn't really have any bearing on this article, so we'll go with *no*. I can relate: *no* used to be my favourite word, too.

No is a handy word for rebellion — whether you're three or twenty-three years old. But Alex (I hope) will soon find out that *no*'s usefulness is limited — a conversation stopper, if you will.

My favourite word now is *why*. You don't have to have other people around to enjoy *why*. It's easy and you can use it by yourself. *Why* can be whimsical — like, 'Why do they have locks on 7-11s?' Or, *why* can be deep — like, 'Why are we here?' And, *why* is the lead word for all of those really deep and tough questions for which we as mere humans will never have the answers — like, 'Why did he get that haircut?'

As much fun as *why* can be by yourself, like sex, it's even better when you're not alone. It's a valuable tool for exposing bullshit in others. In my life, I have found that the people who answer the *whats* and the *hows* really easily but stumble on the *whys* have some more thinking

to do before I'm buying what they're selling. In this respect, *why* can also be a cheap form of entertainment, too.

Try this — go up to any individual in an administrative or elected position on this campus and ask them one of these questions: 'Why we are debating the amount of a tuition increase when this province has more than a couple of billion dollars in surplus funds stuffed in its mattress?'; or 'Why does the vice president Academic keep talking about forcing students to buy lap-top computers while use of the campus Food Bank keeps rising?'; or (my current favourite — courtesy of a cynical Poli Sci prof) 'Why doesn't U of A president Rod Fraser ever go on winter fact-finding missions to cold places?' Their responses will be more fun than bowling, I promise you.

Why is an effective tool in the quest to keep politicians accountable. When governments tell us

there is not enough money for education, we should make them tell us *why* there isn't. Make them explain why they insist on making the economic climate favourable to transnational corporations at the expense of programs for their citizens. Let them tell you why they will forgive Peter Pocklington for millions and millions and millions in loans but will hunt you to the grave for repayment of your student loan. If they can explain to me *why*, then I'll admit that I'm wrong and move on to my next question. *Why* is very versatile.

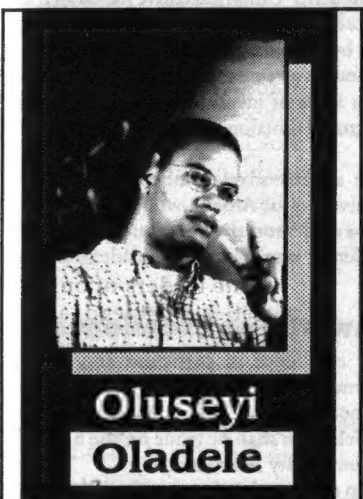
I encourage the use of *why* by my children. I don't mind them challenging my position. My mother once told me she thought my older son David was being defiant because he asked me *why* when I had told him to do something. I disagreed. For starters, as a parent you listen to the word *no* at least fourteen million times while

your child is between the ages of one and five. *Why* is somewhat easier on the nerves. And, second, if I can't defend my position to a child, how can I be sure I'm right? I expect no less from those elected to power.

If they can't explain why something is the way it is, how can we be so sure that they know what they're doing? If the answer is 'Because that's the way we have always done it,' then doesn't that make you wonder why we're even bothering? I mean, isn't that what we're doing here in university? Trying to think of better ways to do things? If we're never going to question the status quo, shouldn't we all just go home now?

Why's gonna be my favourite word for a long time. I think we all (especially Alex) should use it a lot more often. *Why* brings us forward in ways that *no* cannot. And it's way more fun than *poopie*.

Here comes Hammer!



Oluseyi Oladele

Last week my brother did me the service of cleaning the basement and he found a treasure. *Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em* was MC Hammer's second album and a lucky score to find nearly a decade after its release.

Everyone knows "Can't Touch This" and "Pray," and everyone knows that Hammer couldn't get attention today unless "kills the Spice Girls" followed his name in the paper. But why? What was his crime?

MC Hammer was a victim of the same fickle public that generates all one-hit-wonders. Geri Halliwell once said "the public has this need to overdose on anything popular. From Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to Gucci, people have an overwhelming need to consume." (That may not be what she actually said, as I was busy looking at her chest.) I'll agree with her to a point: consumers consume and fads result. However, there is something a bit more suspicious about the end of Hammer Time.

Hammer was black, and so was hurt by a limited cross-over potential. I suppose one could use the argument that the same thing happened to R&B in the 50s and Funk

music in the 70s. The result was the manufacture of Elvis, Disco, and Vanilla Ice as white substitutes for the mass market. Yet neither MC Hammer nor Vanilla Ice could sustain careers, and, if anything, the former was the more successful. Hmm.

Maybe MC Hammer was not "street" enough. His big hits were meaningless and seemed formulated to get enough air-play to convince 11 year-old-me to buy his tape. He even admits in the song "Dancing Machine" that "money talks and I talk for the money." At least he was honest.

In this modern world the sound of integrity is "cha-ching" (cash register sound) and anyone will admit it. So he sold out. Who wouldn't? And he did have message songs like "Crime Story" and "Black is Black." The former predates the popular "gangsta rap" that created Death Row Records; the latter samples James Brown's "Say It Loud (I'm

Black and I'm Proud)" in a non-insulting way. And he had community projects; a cartoon show with a message (and terrible animation); and respect from Jesse Jackson and others. *Entertainment Weekly* said that *Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em* "... hits hard at community problems."

Was MC Hammer's downfall caused by the fact that he sampled too much? He bit beats from "Superfreak," "When Doves Cry," "Dancing Machine," "Have You Seen Her," and "Mercy Me," among others. Prince, Michael Jackson, and Marvin Gaye were pretty big names, so it's possible that public backlash might have killed the MC. But, of course, Puff Daddy has done worse, and the morons who buy his music have never even heard the originals. This is the naughty nature of Hip Hop that was already established by 1990. If anything, these acts furthered Hammer's position

in the black music scene at the time. No, that wasn't it.

So why did MC Hammer fall off the public's jock? Ultimately, it probably comes down to the fact that there was better music being made elsewhere. *Straight Outta Compton* was still big, Public Enemy had a new album in the works after the huge *Fear of a Black Planet*, and LL was about to scream "Don't call it a comeback!" And not even a cameo of James Brown in "Too Legit 2 Quit" could salvage the disaster that was to be Hammer's end. Interestingly enough, a similar thing happened to James back in his day. He fell from the public eye for 15 years while everyone ripped him off. Not until the song "Living in America" for the Rocky IV soundtrack did he have another #1 Pop hit. So if we are lucky and history repeats itself, it will be Hammer Time again when many of us graduate.

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Student Involvement Awards



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The Students' Union provides awards to those students who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the quality of student life on campus through involvement in clubs, fraternities, faculty associations, volunteerism, and leadership at the University of Alberta and throughout the community.

Alberta Treasury Branches Involvement Award

Established by Alberta Treasury Branches to recognize students who maintain a high scholastic record while contributing volunteer time to the community.

Selection Criteria: Must be enrolled in a business related program (i.e. B. Com., B.A. in Economics) and a Canadian Citizen who has been a resident of Alberta for 5 years. Priority will be given to students in financial need. Must include a copy of most current transcript with application.

Anne Louise Mundell Humanitarian Award

To perpetuate the memory of Anne Louise (MacLeod) Mundell, a student at the University of Alberta from 1915 to 1919, the "Anne Louise Mundell Humanitarian Award" is presented. Her activities at the University of Alberta included the Dramatic Society, the Literary Society, the Soldiers' Comfort Club, and the Wauncita Society.

Selection Criteria: Must be involved in charity/volunteer work and be an active member of a club contributing to the development of the arts and culture on campus.

Coffee Co. Award

As a component of its lease agreement with the Students' Union, on the first working Monday of every month, 10% of the Coffee Co.'s gross sales are donated to the Coffee Co. Bursary.

The Students' Union and Coffee Co. will jointly present one recipient with a one thousand dollar (\$1000.00) monetary prize.

Selection Criteria: Must be the person who best combines service to the community, on campus involvement, demonstrates leadership qualities and satisfactory academic standing.

Cristal Mar Memorial Award

Established to remember and celebrate Cristal's contributions to the University of Alberta until she passed away in 1995. While working towards her acceptance into the Faculty of Pharmacy, Cristal balanced significant contributions to the University community with academic excellence. She was an active member of Safewalk and played a key role in the inaugural 1995 National Campus Safety Conference. Cristal will be remembered for her smile and dedication, both as a volunteer and as a friend.

Selection Criteria: Must be a full-time student who has contributed to the greater campus community and demonstrates compassion towards fellow students. Priority will be given to students involved in a campus safety organization.

Dean Mortensen Award

To perpetuate the memory of Dean Mortensen, a first-year Science student and resident of St. Joseph's College who tragically disappeared on January 23, 1992 the "Dean Mortensen Award" is presented. He contributed to student life in many ways, namely through his dedication and commitment to St. Joseph's College and the St. Joseph's Rangers.

Selection Criteria: Must show strong participation and leadership in campus recreation and intramural programs and have contributed toward a safer and more secure campus atmosphere.

Dr. Randy Gregg Athletics Award

Dr. Randy Gregg was a student at the University of Alberta from 1972 to 1980, receiving a Bachelor of Science and a Doctor of Medicine degree. He was a key player on the Golden Bears Hockey team and, as captain in 1979, led the team to national championship. Dr. Gregg represented Canada on the 1980 Winter Olympic hockey team, and went on to join the Edmonton Oilers in 1983.

Selection Criteria: Must be involved in athletics, demonstrate strong leadership skills, and contribute to student life at the University of Alberta.

Eugene L. Brody Award

To perpetuate the memory of Eugene L. Brody, B.A., B.Sc., a student at the University of Alberta for twenty-three years who had cerebral palsy and was able to make outstanding contributions in extra-curricular activities, the "Eugene L. Brody Award" is presented. Eugene Brody's strong personal philosophy was, "To have a full life, one has to struggle every step of the way."

Selection Criteria: Must have made a valuable contribution in extra-curricular campus activities; academic standing is a consideration in determining the winner.

Hilda Wilson Volunteer Recognition Award

The Hilda Wilson Volunteer Recognition Award was established to recognize congeniality and humanitarian dedication. At age 57, after two years in the Faculty of Arts, she entered the Faculty of Law. Unsurpassed in her dedication to her fellow students, Hilda's enthusiasm and energetic confidence as a volunteer endeared her to many.

Selection Criteria: Must be a volunteer member of the Students' Union at the University of Alberta or a community service organization; demonstrate a sincere dedication to others.

Hooper-Munroe Academic Award

Named for Major R. C. W. Hooper, the past Dean of Men, and Miss Isobel Munroe, the past Dean of Women, the "Hooper-Munroe Academic Award" is presented to students who achieve academic excellence in the Intersections.

This award consists of a two hundred dollar monetary prize.

Selection Criteria: Must possess the highest GPA with a minimum nine credits obtained during Intercession 1997 of all of those who apply and must not have previously received this award.

Lorne Calhoun Award

To perpetuate the memory of Lorne Calhoun, B.A., a student at the University of Alberta from 1946 until his death in 1951, the "Lorne Calhoun Memorial Award" is presented. In assessing an individual's qualifications for this award, the Awards Committee shall consider the record of Lorne Calhoun who was active in debating (President of the Debating Society, founder of Debating Union, twice a member of the McGoun Cup Inter-Varsity Team), national and international organizations (member of International Relations Club, Chairman of Alberta Committee of International Student Services, executive member of Political Science Club, Speaker of Parliamentary Forum), and miscellaneous organizations (The Gateway, History Club, Men's Economics Club, Philosophical Society, Arts and Science Club, University religious groups, chess, and athletics).

Selection Criteria: Must have been an active member in a University of Alberta club and/or Faculty Association; and not have previously received this award.

Maimie Shaw Simpson Book Award

To honour Miss Maimie Shaw Simpson, first Dean of Women at the University of Alberta, the "M.S.S. Book Prize" is presented.

Selection Criteria: Must have made an outstanding contribution to campus life through hard work and leadership; preference will be given to those who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of women on this campus.

Royal Bank Financial Group Involvement Award

Established by the Royal Bank Financial Group to acknowledge individuals who complement their educational experience with extracurricular involvement.

Selection Criteria: Must demonstrate a combination of volunteerism, leadership and participation, both on campus and in the greater Edmonton community.

Each applicant or nominee is required to submit:

1. *A recent transcript,*
2. *a brief two page resumé,*
3. *two letters of reference and*
4. *a two hundred word statement explaining why they qualify for the award.*

Each essay must be unique and specific to award criteria.

Anything in excess of this will not be considered.

All applicants must be members of the Students' Union.

Application forms available at the reception desk at 2-900 SUB, and SUB, CAB, and HUB info booths.

Royal Bank Student Faculty Association Involvement Award

This award is presented for excellent service to students through involvement in a student faculty association at the University of Alberta. The award is renewed annually by the Royal Bank and funded through revenue donated from credit card sales to students. This year the value of the award is \$436.25. The Students' Union Executive has chosen to recognize the special importance of student faculty associations for their role in serving student needs by providing political representation, helpful services, social events, and involvement opportunities. Student faculty associations promote a sense of identity among students in similar programs, providing a crucial function as a community builder at the University of Alberta.

Selection Criteria: Must be an executive member of a student faculty association at the University of Alberta who has made an outstanding contribution to the students they represent; demonstrate strong leadership skills; academic standing is a consideration in determining the winner.

Students' Union Award For Excellence

This award is presented for excellence in curricular and extra-curricular activities while attending the University of Alberta. The award consists of a gold medal and one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) monetary prize. Selection shall be made on the basis of submission of application from faculty or students.

Selection Criteria: Must be in their graduating year, have attained a minimum GPA of 7.5 in ten (10) full courses, or their equivalent taken within the previous two (2) years, be involved in extra-curricular activities in the University and/or community, demonstrate an ability to work well with students, staff, and the general public. The award shall be presented by the incoming Students' Union President to the winner at their Convocation in the year in which they are selected.

Tevie Miller Involvement Award

The Tevie Miller Involvement Award was established to recognize the outstanding commitment and dedication of the Honourable Associate Chief Justice Tevie H. Miller. Justice Miller was a Students' Union President, and upon convocation, continued his involvement as President of the Alumni Association. In 1980 he was elected as a member of the University Senate and in 1986, Tevie Miller was elected Chancellor of the University of Alberta.

Selection Criteria: Must be an active member of a club or association at the University of Alberta and demonstrate strong leadership skills. The candidate may not receive a salary or honorarium from the said club or association.

Tom Lancaster Award

To perpetuate the memory of Tom Lancaster, General Manager for the Students' Union from 1989 to 1991, the "Tom Lancaster Award" is presented. Tom brought stability and warmth to the Students' Union through his concern and caring for students.

Selection Criteria: Must have made an outstanding contribution to student life on campus through dedication and strong commitment to others and have shown active involvement and leadership in the Students' Union through volunteer work or participation within a Students' Union club or service.

Walter A. Dinwoodie Award

To perpetuate the memory of Walter A. Dinwoodie, Business Manager of the Students' Union from 1949 to 1962, this award is presented.

Selection Criteria: Must have made an outstanding contribution to student life through active volunteer work for a public service club registered with the Students' Union and/or a Student Union Service. Persons who receive a salary, honorarium, or any other monetary remuneration for their work in the above organizations shall not be eligible to receive this award.

Complete Application/Nomination Package Deadline: Friday, February 13, 1998, 5:00 p.m. Submit to 2-900 SUB.

For further information contact Sheamus Murphy, VP Academic, at 2-900 SUB, 492-4236.

Currents

February 3, 1998

1998 GSA Elections and Referendum

Elections will be held for the positions of:

- Executive Vice President
- Vice President Academic
- Vice President Finance and Administration
- Vice President Student Services

Acclaimed positions:

- President
- Vice President Internal

Please see page 3 for more details on the candidates and positions.

Referendum Questions

Full time students will be voting on the following referendum questions:

1(a) Should the GSA continue to provide a dental plan for its full-time members?

Meaning of a "Yes" vote: The GSA will continue to provide, administer and charge for a dental plan for its full-time members.

Meaning of a "No" vote: The GSA will cease to provide, administer and charge for a dental plan as of September 1, 1998.

The following referendum question, 1(b), will only be applicable if Question 1(a) is passed by a simple majority of those voting.

1(b) Should the GSA continue with the existing DentaCare program?

Meaning of a "Yes" vote: The GSA will continue the program of dental benefits as provided by DentaCare and laid out in the 1997-98 GSA Handbook. Pending minor changes, the program delivered in 1998-99 and following years will be the same as the program delivered in 1997-98.

Meaning of a "No" vote: The 1998-99 GSA Executive will be charged with surveying student opinion and proposing a different program of dental benefits for implementation September 1999. The program of benefits provided for the 1998-99 year will be with DentaCare, and similar to that provided in 1997-98.

Part-time students will be voting on the following referendum question, to be applicable only if the full-time students maintain a dental plan i.e. question 1(a) is passed by a simple majority of those voting:

1(c) Should all part-time graduate students be required to purchase the dental benefits?

Meaning of a "Yes" vote: Part-time students will be required to purchase the dental benefits program as provided to full-time students, subject to the same opt-out provisions as detailed in the GSA handbook. The 1997-98 cost is \$131.50.

Meaning of a "No" vote: Part-time students will not be required to purchase the dental benefits program as provided to full-time students.

Currents

Where to Vote

Students in the following list of departments must vote in their department during office hours on February 11 and 12th. All other students must vote at the GSA offices located at #206 North Power Plant. Voting in the participating departments will close at 2PM on Thursday February 12th. If you do not see your department listed here, you must vote at the GSA office.

AGRICULTURE FOOD & NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

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BUSINESS

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COMPUTING SCIENCE

DRAMA

EARTH & ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

EAST ASIAN STUDIES

ECONOMICS

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

HISTORY & CLASSICS

HUMAN ECOLOGY

LABORATORY MEDICINE & PATHOLOGY

LIBRARY & INFORMATION STUDIES

LINGUISTICS

MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

MEDICINE

MODERN LANGUAGES AND COMPARATIVE STUDIES

MUSIC

NEUROSCIENCE

NURSING

ONCOLOGY

OPHTHALMOLOGY

PHARMACOLOGY

PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

PHILOSOPHY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PHYSIOLOGY

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGY

PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

RURAL ECONOMY

SECONDARY EDUCATION

SOCIOLOGY

If you do not see your department listed above, you must vote at the GSA office: #206 North Power Plant.

When to Vote

Students in participating departments can vote during office hours on February 11 and 12th. Voting in the participating departments will close on or around 2PM on Thursday 12th Feb. to facilitate collection of ballot boxes.

All other students wishing to vote must do so at the GSA Offices during the following times.

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 11

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 1998

What if I am away on those days?

Advanced Polls will be open in GSA Office only on Wednesday, February, 5 and Thursday, February 6, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Remember to bring your student ID card when you vote!

CURRENTS

candidates

All Candidates Forum – Monday February 9th, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
in Council Chambers, University Hall. Everyone Welcome!

President (Acclaimed)

Kim Speers

Vice President Internal (Acclaimed)

Nadeem A. Khattak

Executive Vice President

Julie Harris

Fayi Zhou

Ajay Srivastava

Vice President Academic

Baljinder Minhas

Saloni Negi

Qiang Xu

Vice President Student Services

Hassan Shah

Gabrielle Slowey

Vice President Finance & Administration

Kathy He

Max Rosari

KIM SPEERS

Greetings! First of all, I would like to thank the graduate student population for their support in the past year. Being Executive Vice President has allowed me to meet so many interesting people, and I have to say, this has certainly been the perk of the job!

I also want to thank people for their support in honoring me with the position of President for the upcoming year. I will do my best to make it a rewarding and fun year! The following information gives you some background on my credentials and my vision for the GSA:

Experience:

- PhD (in progress), Dept. of Political Science, Dissertation on "New Public Management and Post-Secondary Education in Alberta"

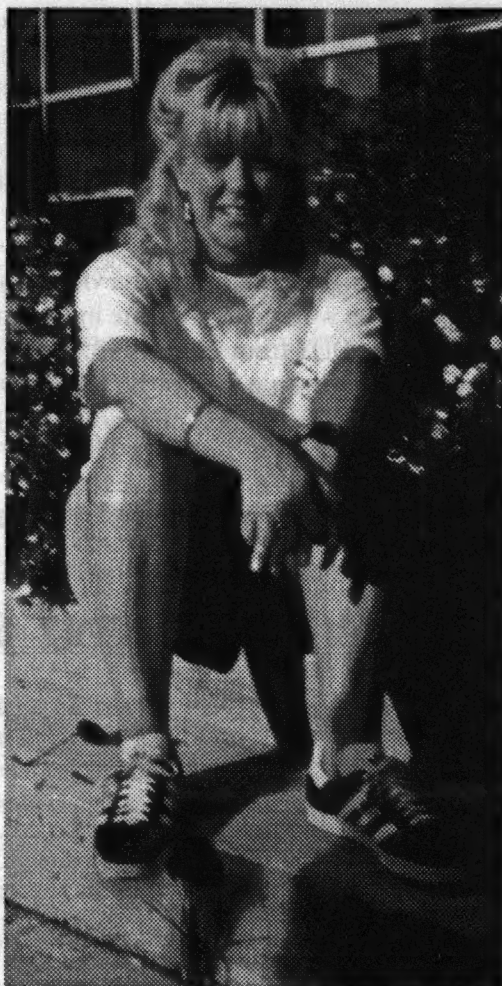
- MPA, Carleton University (completed two years, still taking courses at U of A to complete degree)

- MA, Dept. of History, Queen's University

- BA, Dept. of History (Women Studies Minor), University of Waterloo

- Current work experience includes: Research Assistant to the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, and teaching assistant for the Department of Political Science

- Previous work experience includes: professional lobbyist, library assistant at law firm, consultant on women and financial management and entrepreneurship, communications and marketing assistant for the federal government, starting own business, and teaching/research assistant.



Vision for the GSA:

- I developed a campaign this past year called "Building the Foundation" that complemented the establishment of the Holiday Celebration. That will be the theme that will continue to guide me in my actions in the upcoming year. I believe it is important to build upon previous work and that an effort should be made not to "reinvent the wheel".

- As president, I expect to wear many hats. Perhaps the most important role will be that of administrator/manager. I hope that my experience will enable me, while working with other Exec, to establish some permanence to the GSA by producing a Transition Document, a Position Portfolio, and a Committees handbook. I would also like to get more involved at the external level of governance both at the provincial and national level – A more elaborate vision will be presented to the GSA Council in April 1998 once the new Exec have had a chance to brainstorm and work together to produce a new working strategy.

- I also believe that the GSA Exec should bring matters of substance to Council for discussion and when needed, support and ratification. In other words, it is necessary that the GSA be as transparent as possible in order to have a more participative and democratic decision-making process. If we want students to care, they have to be involved in the process.

In closing, once again, thank you for your support. I encourage you to get involved in the GSA, even if it means just coming out to a social event. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or ideas about the functions of the GSA throughout the year at 492-2175 or e-mail me at kspeers@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca

PRESIDENT

NADEEM A. KHATTAK

A positive approach, effective team work and consistent effort are the golden rules that make success a logical derivative of hard work and endless struggle.

This is my motto at work and in life. Through the platform of the Graduate Students' Association, I would strive hard to bring to you, accurate and up to date information, regarding our community.

Most of us as graduate students are generally too involved in our academic programs and often have no idea of this wonderful institution outside our departments. It might lead us to good grade point averages but it definitely makes us one dimensional entities in an environment and society where multi dimensionalism is becoming essential for survival.

As the VP (Internal) I would effectively represent all student concerns to the relevant committees and would like to involve graduate students to come forward and work together towards creating an environment of friendliness and hope.

I am a second year Ph.D. student in the structure's area, at the department of Civil Engineering. I got my Bachelor's degree from U.E.T. Peshawar, Pakistan and my Masters degree in the same area from Michigan State University at East Lansing, Michigan.

I got my first taste of cultural diversity as an executive member of the International Association Board at Michigan State, which was a liaison between various international organizations on campus and the administration. As a community volunteer, I also worked for the Red Cross and the International Center at MSU. At the student counselling center, in the capacity of a student counsellor and then a residence hall counselor, again at MSU, I came across a variety of student problems due to stress and cultural shocks.

On the professional scene, I have worked for various Engineering firms and departments for about six years in Pakistan and the United States. The work experience was useful not only in the development of my professional skills but also provided me with growth opportunities in the Managerial sector.

In the end I would just mention, the famous proverb that "Engineers always do it with precision".

If you have any comments or suggestions please do contact me at:

nkhattak@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca

VP INTERNAL



EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

JULIE HARRIS

My name is Julie Harris and I am running for the position of Executive Vice-President. I am working on my Masters degree at the school of Library and Information Studies (LIS). I completed my undergraduate degree in history at McGill University in Montreal. My activities on campus this year include:

- GSA councillor
 - Awards Night Committee member, GSANC member, FOIPP representative for the GSA
 - Library and Information School Student's Association (LISSA) executive
 - working at the Weir Law Library
 - volunteering at the Parkland Institute
 - various intramurals (hockey, broomball, ultimate)
 - member of the U of A Ultimate Club
- Beyond campus:
- on the Executive Board at the Centre for International Alternatives
 - on the Board of Directors for the Northern Alberta Community Housing Association
 - General Manager for the Assiniboia Housing Co-operative

What I bring to the GSA Executive is a willingness to commit a lot of my



time and energy towards building a strong and effective executive team. I also have a familiarity with the politics of student life, both in this province and on a national level. I am committed to accessible post-graduate studies. To this end, I am determined to provide a voice for graduate students in the policies that affect our lives. In the past, people from my program have played a strong role on the GSA executive. I believe that this is in part because of the LIS school motto: "Understanding information: exploring issues, creating access, pursuing equity." These are very similar to what I feel the GSA stands for. On a practical level, I'm in a professional program that develops strong skills in team-building, research, and using information technologies, as well as in creating links to the greater professional community.

Goals for 1998-99

- raise awareness of the various faculties and vast diversity of the graduate students
- build on the foundation of this past executive
- to be accountable to the graduate students
- work on strengthening links between the university community and the larger community
- to be a support and backup for the President
- to work incredibly hard because last year's Executive VP is going to be a challenging act to follow.

If you have any questions my email is jharris@slis.ualberta.ca.

FAYI ZHOU

Fayi is the PhD student in department of civil and environmental engineering. He is the vice president of internal of Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) of 97-98. After got his first MSc 10 years ago, he worked as a lecture in Dalian University of Technology (DUT) for 7 years. He was also the assistant of dean of Department of Civil Engineering of DUT from 1991-1993. Being a student, especially a foreign student, he knows what the students especially the foreign students concern; had ever been a faculty, he knows what the university and faculties expect from the students. Responsibility and enthusiasm are his principles, experiences are his confidence, serve the students is his destination.

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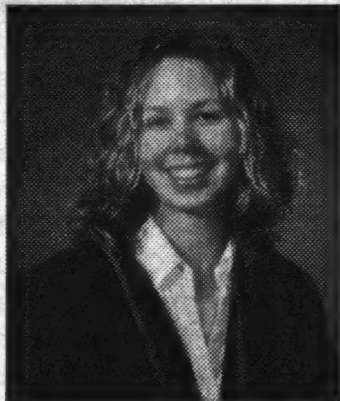
VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT SERVICES

GABRIELLE SLOWEY

Hi! My name is Gabrielle Slowey and I am running for the position of VP Student Services.

Currently I am working on my Ph.D. in the department of Political Science. I am an energetic and enthusiastic individual with lots of spirit! I am outgoing and I love to meet new people.

I am interested in the position of Student Services because of what I believe it can enable me to do as a member of the GSA executive. the position itself requires that a person sit on a variety of committees, including the University Senate, Health Services and President's advisory Committee. On top of committee work, the VP of Student Services is required to be involved with the Campus Food Bank and Housing and Food Services Advisory Council. As you can see, it is a very important, student-oriented portfolio. Aside from the standard services required, I want to be VP because I feel that students services extends beyond the current requirements of the VP. What do I mean? I want to organize events which alleviate student/department/faculty isolation. Coming to a new school, a new town, a new program can be very stressful and make one feel very alone. I know that I often wonder how people are doing in other departments. I also wonder, where are they? And, how can I meet them? I believe that the position of VP Student Services should focus on meeting student needs but should also work to bring students together - in more



informal gatherings, to exchange ideas or just to meet other graduate students.

To do this I will organize the following events on top of the normal workload assigned to this position:

- an orientation week with lots of opportunities to meet new and returning graduate students - with interactive events like *Frisbee and Frolic* where we will play pick-up frisbee and eat hotdogs and hamburgers in the Quad.
- a Holiday semi-formal

for faculty members and students to interact and celebrate the end of 1998!

- a *non-Valentines-pre-reading-week-beat-the-winter-blues* social where grad students are invited to let go and relax and see how one another are faring in the new year!

- Spring Folly - and an end of term social to celebrate our achievements and say goodbye until next fall!

I have had quite a bit of experience in student politics. I was head of student government in high school. In my undergrad, I helped to organize the Irish Society at the University of Toronto, of which I was Vice-President. I was also the assistant to the Head of Arts, with whom I coordinated and ran many social events and gatherings. And while doing my MA at the University of New Brunswick, I was the GSA rep for my department. Currently, I am the GSA alternate for Political Science.

University is a wonderful place to be and I want to make it even more memorable by making it more interactive.

So vote for me on February 11-12, 1998 and let's meet!

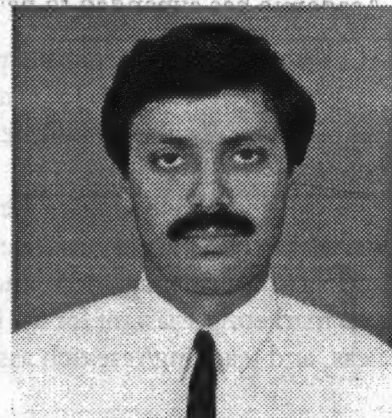
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HASSAN SHAH

My name is Hassan Shah and I am doing M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering. I would like you to elect me as Vice President (student services) in the coming GSA election. It is essential that a candidate for a particular position have the necessary skills and relevant experience. My nomination for VP (student services) reflects my interest, skills and experience in dealing with student services matters at the U of A. I am amply qualified bearing several months of experience in services on campus.

As a current member of GSA council and elected Secretary of MPCA, a student community of U of A, I participated in a number of activities for provision of different services and facilities to the students, few of which are listed as under:

- Working as elected secretary in MPCA (Michener Park Community Association) with the team effort of other colleagues started free grocery bus service for the students.
- Did all possible efforts to upgrade the computer room facilities for the students (mostly graduate) residing in Michener Park university housing
- As manager furniture bank helped new students in settling down in their new residence while coming with family
- Worked for Campus Food Bank specifically introducing it to the graduate students and the students with families
- Worked as a member in the constitution and bylaws committee of GSA.
- Arranged inter-national engineering exhibition and won first prize in organization.
- Sitting on different committees of Housing and Food services as a student
- Volunteered for organizing different community functions and Bar-B-Q for students of the University.
- Worked for different organizations for the welfare of patents and poor peoples in lahore
- Working as a member of U of A Residence Halls Associations.
- Worked as Editor FREE PRESS, a newsletter of Michener Residence Association and projected OBJECTIVE
- Being familiar with the U of A governance system and having experience in the field of student services, my object is to work as a team for the welfare of graduate students. Specifically focusing my efforts on the task of reducing the financial burdens by supporting the freezing tuition fee increase and provision of more services and facilities so that students can spend more time on their studies without any burden on their minds. FOR provision of such an atmosphere JOIN HANDS and VOTE FOR HASSAN SHAH as Vice President(student services).



VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

BALJINDER MINHAS

Hi My name is Baljinder Minhas. I have BS in electrical engineering with minor in humanities. Presently I am a MSc. student in Electrical Engineering. I am running for the position of VP Academic. I have never run for any election before, so I can barely define the shape of this moment in time.

All I have learned so far, through my experience as a student and a friend is, that the life of a student is far from flying high in clear blue skies, which spirals down to the hole on the ground where they hide—the problems, both academic and personal. These could be as covert as minefields that you would have to negotiate, as complex as beating those cold, electronic-eyes of your superiors. In short, in situations like this, when moment of clarity fades like charity does, the role of VP Academic comes into play. I have been through all this and I know how to support, and fight for any students' rights violation, and try to reach a symbiotic solution to an impasse of any degree.

One of the GSA programs that I strongly support is Dental Insurance, which is pretty basic at this time, but the cheapest you can get in Edmonton. Please support me to support the incorporation of an advanced plan that would keep you smiling forever. What difference can a smile make?

One other program I would like to start this year is start recognizing you guys in various aspects. Every month awards would be given out to select graduate students based upon their achievements and their community involvement. Basically I am thinking of following categories, but your input would be highly appreciated.

Grad student of the month
Result of the month (based on research project)
Volunteer of the month
Spotlight of the month (based upon extra curricular activities)

Don't worry we will recognize you, wherever you will be. Help me to recognize you.

As a graduate student, you must practice the right to vote. Last year only 2% of 4200 grad students voted and I was one of them. You are the one with power. You are the one who can make or break GSA. I will be your representative just there to help you.

Best regards
Baljinder Minhas
Minhas@ee.ualberta.ca

SALONI NEGI

Candidate Profile: MA (expected Summer, 1998), then PhD in Comparative Literature. Instructor, French 100.

Previous volunteer experience on campus: GSA Councillor, CJSR Radio.

Some other volunteerism: AIDS Walk for Life, Millwoods Centre for Immigrants.

Some previous professional experience: Public Affairs Coordinator, Canadian Advisory Council for the Status of Women (Ottawa), Writer and Editor, National Film Board (Montreal), Researcher, Radio Canada (Montreal).

The VP Academic is an ombudsperson for the graduate students of the University of Alberta. The VP Academic is a mediator: a helper, an advocate and a resource person for any of you who are experiencing difficulties with your departments, professors, or research directors. Recently, the service role of the VP Academic has expanded to help you with issues which are not necessarily university related, but which affect your academic progress. As your ombudsperson, I will listen to you and give you any guidance you may require in your dealings with the university.

In addition, the VP Academic acts as a liaison between the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the GSA. I take very seriously my job to represent grad students to FGSR. The recently completed review of FGSR places great emphasis on promoting excellence. I believe excellence is possible with strong commitment from the university to put resources into graduate programs. I will fight for expanded programs, better conditions and greater security for grad students.

Finally, the VP Academic cannot work in a vacuum. Over the coming year, I will be contacting GSA reps and students from all departments to find out what your concerns are so that I can bring the issues you've raised to the table in discussions with FGSR. The GSA exists for you. We welcome you to drop by for coffee and a chat.

QIANG XU

Dear fellow Graduate Students, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Qiang Xu. I got my undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Hohai University in China in 1984 and my Masters degree in the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Bangkok in 1996. I started my PhD program in Civil Engineering at U of A last September.

When I was in my Masters Program, I acted as the president of Chinese Student Association for one year and got the Outstanding Academic Award at graduation. Before that, I had worked in the Chinese government office of water resources for 10 years and acted as the department chief for 4 years. I think that all these experiences could add to the advantages of being VP Academic at the U of A. I understand clearly the responsibility of VP Academic at the U of A and will make every possible effort to fulfill the responsibility if I can be in the position with your support. Thank you all.



VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

**KATHY HE did not make a submission.
MAX ROSARI did not make a submission.**

CURRENTS

GSA Dental Plan

The GSA Dental Plan

1. Membership in the dental plan is part of students fees when they register full-time in September (students registered in January are not assessed the fee).
2. A fee of \$156.50 is collected by the registrar in September (\$25 GSA Fees, \$131.50 Dental Fee) and the dental fee is paid directly to the DentaCare Management Company.
3. Students are given the option to "opt-out" if they have comparable dental coverage from another source and "opt-in" family members for an additional fee.
4. Students who register "Part-time" or "Extra-Mural" are not assessed any dental fees.
5. Forms for opt-ins/opt-outs must be filled out each year because a "new" coverage term begins each year.
6. The GSA Dental Plan covers the students from October 15, 1997 to October 15, 1998. The student is covered on the plan regardless of whether or not he/she decides to discontinue their studies at the University anytime during the year. Since the dental premium has already been paid, the student is covered for the full coverage term.
7. This is a "basic preventative" dental plan available to graduate students. Services are provided by the DentaCare Dental Management Company. DentaCare is a group of dentists that offer the plan directly to grad students—without an insurance company.

Opt-Out

1. Students may opt-out of the plan if they do so by the September 30, 1997 deadline and if they have comparable dental coverage elsewhere. For those students who receive dental treatment from a relative, please submit a letter from the dental clinic that your relative practices at (on company letterhead) and attach it to your opt-out form. The letter should include the students full name and student ID#.
2. Please fill out the "Opt-Out Form" on page 20 of the GSA Handbook.
3. Deadline for opting-out is September 30, 1997.
4. Any incomplete forms will be returned to the student via: campus mail, and it will be the students responsibility to ensure that the completed copy reaches the office by the deadline.
5. If you are presently receiving a "U of A Scholarship" and choose to opt-out of the dental plan, the refunds will be issued back to the University.
6. Refunds are issued in October, and will be sent to the students dept's via campus mail.

Coverage

Coverage is from October 15, 1997 to October 15, 1998.

The maximum coverage per person is \$750.00 a year.

100% coverage for preventative and diagnostic dental services, which include one annual oral examination and consultation, routine x-rays (1 Pan every 5 years and bitewing x-rays once a year), buffing & polishing of the teeth, and two units (each unit is 15 minutes) for a total of (30 minutes) of periodontal scaling. Any cleaning needed beyond the 2 units covered will be at a 75% coverage rate.

75% minor restorative dental services (fillings and bonded fillings), amalgam (silver) restorations (for posterior teeth); plastic, silicate or composite (white fillings) for anterior teeth; repair, adjustment (no sooner than three months after initial installation), or reline of removable prostheses; fixed space maintainers for children under 18; recementation of existing fixed crown or bridgework, and the removal of teeth other than impacted wisdom teeth. (Anterior teeth are the front 6 teeth on both arches).

Minor restorative work does not include crowns, partials, dentures, veneers, porcelain inlays etc. If a student would like a composite (white) filling for the posterior teeth, the plan covers only the cost of the amalgam (silver) filling, but the student could pay the difference for this service.

75% unlimited periodontal scaling for the treatment of gum disease.

75% complicated teeth extractions, which include the removal of up to two impacted teeth (considered to be complicated extractions), including impacted wisdom teeth. Some teeth may be considered complicated extractions because of length of root, density of bone, position within oral cavity and amount of tooth destruction due to cavities. These particular extractions require more time and are not "routine". Referral to a specialist may be required due to limited mouth opening, poor access, impacted teeth which are in an unusual position, bone density, complicated root structure involving nerve etc. In addition, the general health of the patient may determine referral. Example: a diabetic person is prone to infections, patients with bleeding problems and heart conditions require the services of a hospital or hospital like facility. Patients who are apprehensive or nervous about dental visits require sedations or general anesthesia. These also require referral to a specialist because of the risks and danger of allergic reaction to these medications.

In these types of situations, referral to a specialist is for the best interest of the patient.

Exclusions

- Any dental services not indicated in above under "Coverage".
- Any services related to Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMD).
- Any dental treatment as a result of any trauma to the mouth, jaw, or head other than broken fillings.
- Any dental treatment for cosmetic purposes.
- Charges for broken appointments and items which in the absence of coverage there would be no charge.
- Any dental procedures that have been referred to a specialist and are performed outside of any DentaCare clinic are not covered under the GSA Dental Plan.
- Replacement of amalgam (silver) fillings with plastic, silicate or composite (white) fillings for any reason other than the teeth are broken down, fractured, or have extensive structural damage due to dental disease or accidental injury.

Dental Plan F.A.Q.

1. How do I make an appointment with DentaCare?

Contact one of the DentaCare Clinics listed on page 21 of the GSA Handbook, and tell the receptionist that you are on the GSA Dental Plan, provide your name and student ID number, and make your appointment. If you are the spouse, partner or dependant of a student then you must provide DentaCare with the student's name and ID number as well as your name.

2. Must I complete any forms when I go to a DentaCare Clinic?

Yes. You will need to sign internal claims forms used by DentaCare for audit control and tracking what services are utilized by GSA clients.

3. Will there be any extra costs when I go to DentaCare?

This is possible. For example, if you have dental work done that is covered 75% by the Plan, you will be responsible for the remaining 25% of the cost. Also, if you have dental work that is not included in the coverage of the Plan, you will be responsible for those costs. It is the students' decision whether or not they wish to proceed with any recommended treatment.

4. What if I have a dental complaint or dispute?

The first step is to clearly communicate your concerns to the dentist/office involved & attempt to resolve this issue in this fashion. If the result is unsatisfactory, please contact Dr. Podilsky at the DentaCare Edmonton Centre at 428-6846. You can also contact the GSA Office at 206 North Power Plant, but please be sure to submit your concerns in writing, so that any discrepancies can be followed up on in the proper format. The majority of problems should be resolved with one of these 2 avenues. As a last resort, you may go to the Alberta Dental Association.

5. Can I add my family members to the plan?

Yes. If you are a grad student who registered full-time in September, you can add family members to the plan. Please refer to the dental information that is published in the GSA Handbook on pages 16-21. Simply fill out the "Opt-In" found on page 19, and submit it to the GSA Office located at 206 North Power Plant by the September 30, 1997 deadline. This is the only time during the year that you can add your family members to the plan. The plan begins on October 15, 1997 and ends October 15, 1998.

6. If I haven't ever been to a dentist, or haven't been in a few years, will everything still be covered or might I have to pay extra?

If you have never been to a dentist, chances are that you are going to require more dental work depending on the condition of your teeth, compared to someone that may visit a dentist on a regular basis. Therefore, a portion of your cleaning will be covered by the plan, but costs will be involved for the extra work needed. The dentists will let you know what the extra costs will be, and it is the patients' decision whether or not they wish to have the extra work done.

7. Do I have to opt-in and opt-out every year? I just did this last year.

Yes. The plan is only on a yearly basis and each year when you register full-time and pay the dental fee again you begin a new coverage term. People's coverage information can also change yearly. Simply fill out all the necessary information needed on the form (opt-in or opt-out) and submit it to the GSA Office before the deadline of September 30, 1997.

8. If I am receiving one of the U of A Scholarships, can I add someone to the plan or opt-out if I have coverage elsewhere?

Yes. As long as you registered full-time in September you would have paid for the dental plan as part of your fees. You can add your family to the plan if you would like, or you can opt-out if you already have coverage elsewhere. If you opt-out, the funds get issued back to the University Scholarship fund. University of Alberta Scholarship can be any one of the following: U of Alberta PhD Scholarship, Dissertation Fellowship, Izaak Walton Killam memorial Scholarship, FS Chia PhD Scholarship.

9. What happens if both parents are registered as Full-Time students and they would like to add their children to the dental plan?

Just one of the parents would need to fill out the opt-in form and pay the specified amount for adding either 1 child for a fee of \$131.50 or all the children at a family rate of \$263.00. Or one parent can opt-out and simply get the coverage at a family rate. If you require more details, please contact Lia Watkin at the GSA Office 492-2175, or e-mail gsa@ualberta.ca

10. What happens to my dental plan if I drop from a F/T to a P/T status during the year?

As long as you were still registered full-time up to (or after) the September 1997 deadline then you should still be on the dental plan. If you drop to a part-time status during September then your fees will be adjusted accordingly, and the dental plan fee will be removed. If you register part-time then you are not assessed the dental plan fee. If you change to full-time after the September 30, 1997 deadline you are not entitled to coverage on the plan, and if you were charged the dental plan premium at this time, you will be reimbursed at a later date. It is always a good idea to check with the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research to ensure that you are registered properly. If you want to confirm that you are registered properly. If you want to confirm that you are registered properly. If you want to confirm that you are registered properly. If you want to confirm that you are registered full-time and see if you paid the dental premium please call FGSR 492-3499.

11. What percentage of the students' dental plan fee goes toward DentaCare's Administration costs?

0%. In the dental industry it is common for the insurance companies to charge 2% to 10% administration fees (depending on the size of the group) plus 6% to 7% brokerage commissions. To have administrative staff specifically for the GSA Dental Plan, DentaCare would have to increase the students' premiums by at least 10%.

12. What percentage of the students on the plan utilize the DentaCare plan?

Approximately 70%. The standard for the manufacturing business is 55% to 60% and 80% for the banking industry. The entire fee is used to pay for dental services. The students in general get a 23% to 24% discount. Over \$440,000 worth of dentistry (covered by the plan) is completed by students.

GSA

**ELECTIONS &
DENTAL PLAN
REFERENDUM:
FEBRUARY
11 & 12, 1998**

MEMBERSHIP



*The Students' Union is
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STUDENTS' UNION

AWARD FOR

LEADERSHIP IN

UNDERGRADUATE

TEACHING

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*SALUTE was developed in 1997 by Students' Council to promote
and encourage excellence in teaching by recognizing faculty members
who demonstrate outstanding contributions in their roles as
undergraduate instructors at the University of Alberta.*

Eligibility

All instructors of undergraduate courses are eligible for nomination. Nominees for the Award should have taught a minimum of three *3 sections, one of which has been taught in the current academic year.

Nomination

All nominations must be made by students. Information regarding a professors eligibility can be obtained from the Department office and will be verified by the Students' Union. Nomination forms are available at information booths (SUB, CAB, HUB), student faculty association offices and SU executive offices. Nominations must be conferred by signatures of support from at least ten current students. Letters of support from faculty, alumni and students are welcome but not necessary.

All nominations are strictly confidential and will be made available to the selection committee only.

Criteria

Understanding that outstanding teachers come in all shapes and sizes, there is no strict eligibility criteria and we encourage nominations which you, as a student, feel are worthy of recognition. Examples include:

- generates a desire for continued learning
- availability outside of the classroom
- respects differences in student approaches to learning
- is flexible enough to accomodate differences in the rate of student learning
- displays role-model characteristics
- communicates clearly
- is organized and prepared for lectures
- is sympathetic to student concerns and lifestyles
- has developed appropriate lectures, readings, assignments and exams
- demonstrates fair and consistent assessment of course work
- has good knowledge of subject matter and awareness of new information
- inspires critical thinking
- acts as a student advisor in department
- contributes to development of teaching and learning in the greater university community.

Nomination Deadline: Friday, February 13, 1998, 5:00 p.m.

For further information contact Sheamus Murphy, VP Academic, at 2-900 SUB, 492-4236.

Gold Key Recognition Award



Who's Made the Campus a Great Place?

*The Students' Union would like your help in identifying those
individuals who have contributed to the improvement of life on
campus or in the community. If you are, or know of, a student,
staff member, or other individual who has shown exceptional
dedication in one or more areas of the university, or community
at large, we would like to pay tribute to them.*

**THIS TRIBUTE IS IN THE FORM OF A GOLD
KEY RECOGNITION AWARD WHICH WILL
BE PRESENTED AT THE STUDENTS' UNION
AWARDS NIGHT ON MARCH 31, 1998.
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Recognizing Excellence

The Students' Union Gold Key Award was created by the Students' Union President Tevie Miller in 1950 and was intended to recognize the best on campus—those who contributed most to making the University of Alberta a better place—for their outstanding work in extra-curricular activities. This honour was bestowed on those people who had contributed greatly to the campus community. Thus a group was formed which was related to all campus organizations. The Gold Key Society was involved in a wide variety of events, it entertained visitors, and acted as ambassadors for the

university. The Gold Key Society lapsed in 1970 and was revived in 1990 to recognize the large number of people who have contributed to campus and community life, and to provide them with an opportunity to continue to contribute to the university. In the tradition of the original Gold Key Society, members assist with the Society's mission wherever and whenever possible.

All members of the campus community are eligible for the award with the exception of the Students' Union

Executive. The Gold Key Awards Committee shall have the discretion to award a number of Gold Key Recognition Awards. Notwithstanding other involvements, participation in Student Government, Volunteer Activities, Student Organizations, Student Services, and Community Involvement may be considered. To be eligible for the award, an individual must:

1. Be nominated or submit an application;
2. Not have previously received this award.

Nomination Deadline: Friday, February 13, 1998, 5:00 p.m. Submit to 2-900 SUB.

For further information contact Sheamus Murphy, VP Academic, at 2-900 SUB, 492-4236.

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment Editor: Emily Wong 492-7052

BARBER OF SEVILLE COMIC OPERA AT BEST

OPERA

The Barber of Seville
directed by John Norris
starring Daniele Leblanc,
Peter Strummer, and Arthur Woodley
at the Jubilee Auditorium
January 31

by Patrick Fowlow

Flawless until the curtain call, *The Barber of Seville* was a spectacular return to form for the Edmonton Opera.

The second most performed opera of all time showed why it remains a crowd pleaser, eliciting laughs and applause throughout from the near sold out crowd. The music was grand, the cast stellar, and the humour irreverent. With student rate discounts for the shows on Tuesday and Thursday, it is worth viewing.

The story, flimsy as it is, is this: Count Almaviva, smitten with Rosina, a young ward of Doctor Bartolo, follows her to Seville to woo her. Enlisting the aid of Figaro, the local barber and scam artist extraordinaire, Almaviva attempts to win her hand from under the doctor, who also has plans to wed her. Assisting the doctor is his scheming henchman Don Basilio, who uses his guile to undermine Almaviva and Figaro.

Almaviva employs a range of disguises to allow himself entrance into the Doctor's home and to find out whether Rosina loves him. Hilarity and hi-jinx and ever so many



Ellis Brothers Photography

The infamous barber Figaro (Mark Pedrotti) and the lovely Rosina (Daniele Leblanc) in a scene from the Edmonton Opera's *The Barber of Seville*.

misunderstandings ensue.

In the hands of this international cast and with the clever touches of director John Norris, the show crackles with wit and the driving pace never drags. Without a weak performance from the cast, the highlights was mezzo Daniele Leblanc's Rosina. She is a firebrand of a heroine, especially in her ex-

changes with Peter Strummer's Bartolo. Their staccato tongue twister singing was remarkable and mighty funny. It included a magic quill and Bartolo's classic line, "If you want to fool me you must learn to tell better lies."

Mark Pedrotti's Figaro was struttingly played, as he must be for this show to take flight. His Figaro (while looking a lot like

Artie from *The Larry Sanders Show*) is a grand master of secrets and duplicity. He is the centerpiece of the show and Pedrotti carries the weight admirably.

The performance of the evening belonged to Arthur Woodley, though. His magnificently malevolent performance of the scoundrel Don Basilio was deservedly the crowd favorite. He was smooth, nasty, and never above betrayal, if the price was right. Woodley pulled a usually forgotten part back into the limelight, and added a spark to every scene he was in.

With all of the strong voices, the music held up too. The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, as always, played well, and Rossini's music, undoubtedly some of the best-known in the classical canon, shone. Yes, you have heard the overture, whether in Bugs Bunny or in movies such as *Prizzi's Honor*, but it loses none of its power through repetition.

The set, a touring piece from the Tulsa Opera, is simple and elegant, and leads to my only quibble with the show. There is a bizarre set change near the end of the show, which is unnecessary and leaves the stage looking as though an earthquake has hit. While it does not detract from the show, it is distracting and confusing.

The Edmonton Opera should be very proud of this show. *The Barber of Seville* is comic opera at its best, and shows that people need not be afraid of the genre.

Hint to the males out there looking for a Valentine's gift: this is a great early way to celebrate. You will impress her more than you can ever imagine! As Figaro would tell you, romance and song go together like "macaroni and cheese."

MELODIC MILLENCOLIN DRAWS SKATER CROWD

LIVE MUSIC

Millencolin
with Brand New Unit and X-
Large
at Rebar
January 28



Iain Ilich

Skater kids swinging from the the rafters at the Millencolin show last Wednesday.

by Gimpy

What do you get when a quartet of Swedish skateboarders pick up instruments? Some may say noise, but I say true musical mayhem ... er ... magic. Millencolin had a sound that was at times poppy, at times melodic-hardcore-ish, and often had a ska slant. Every one of their songs made audience members shake their booties. With 500 prepubescent skateboarders watching in anticipation, the Rebar was filled to the rafters.

When the first band, X-Large, took the stage, I immediately realized where their name came from: a) the singer was X-Large, and b) the guitarists were playing some X-large and X-wanky guitar solos à la AC/DC. It was a banger band posing as a typical Fat Wreck Chords band complete with super fast drum lines. They reminded me of a talentless Strung Out. The songs sounded like they were pulled out of the band's ass 5 minutes before the show began ... the only standout was a cover of Bryan Adam's "Summer of '69" - only because it was better than the original.

After Brand New Unit hit the stage, the whole audience wet its pants. With a mix of pop-punk, and hardcore, BNU plays a sound that can only be described by example: when a hat was thrown onstage and the owner insisted on getting it back, the singer snarled, "Oh, hold on, I've gotta stop the show to get this guy's hat." It's that same biting sarcasm that flows throughout their music, giving the audience snippets of pop in one song and then hitting it hard in the nardies with guttural hardcore screams from the singer, who looked like he was having epileptic fits.

Millencolin has been one of my favorite bands for a while, and it is their infectious ska and melodic-hardcore tunes that drive even the biggest nerd to grab a skateboard and get motoring. Opening with the song "22" from their newest album *For Monkeys*, the sold out show nearly ended up on the first floor of the Rebar.

Unfortunately, while the audience was possibly the most energetic I've ever seen, Nikola, the singer, looked totally bored and the band just didn't return the intensity the audience was doling out. Other songs from the new album riled up the crowd, but morsels for older fans from their first release *Tiny Tunes* were almost as well received. Millencolin's newest album, a slower, less ska-influenced Epitaph-sounding release, took the spotlight, yet the ska-core fine-tunings of pre-album songs like "Shake Me" were definite hits with the kiddies.

While enjoyable, I wish this show would be memorable for the music, rather than Millencolin's blatant apathy when a bouncer started kicking a kid's ass right on stage.

ORCHESIS IN FINE FORM

DANCE

Dance Motif '98
at the Horowitz Theatre
January 31

by Kyla Ferguson Keir

This year's *Orchesis Dance Motif* provided audience members with a variety of moods and experiences.

With over sixty dancers participating in the night's fourteen performances, *Dance Motif* was full of talented performances. Opening with "Offbeat," a motley crew of dancers took to the stage with great enthusiasm to start the show. With heavy black boots, they kept time to a metronome placed in the middle of the stage.

Ending the first part of the show came a knockout entitled "Release." It began with music I would liken to water torture as the dancers stood on chairs wearing bleak masks and disheveled clothing. After a few moments, the music stopped and they tore off their masks. When Nina Simone's "My Baby Just Cares for Me" came over the speakers, the dancers knocked off their loose clothes and began to laugh and dance with a refreshing cheerfulness. They had been mocking the stereotypical "hardcore" modern dancing which began their set. "Release" was the best dance of the night and was rewarded with thunderous applause.

After the intermission came the more experimental works. Starting off with "The Polite Desire," three performers danced to a live pianist while sporting black cocktail dresses and hats that looked like mutated flamingos. The way they moved erratically to the music was as though they were on a day pass. It was crazy, but very good.

Dance Motif '98 was a fine follow-up to last year's show and it displayed a good quality of modern dance technique. Be sure to catch next year's performance.

DESPERATE MEASURES A CUT-AND-DRY CHASE STORY

FILM

Desperate Measures
starring Andy Garcia, Michael Keaton,
Marcia Gay Harden
and Joseph Cross
directed by Barbet Schroeder
now playing at Cineplex Odeon

by Catherine Solmes

Pop Quiz: Your 9-year-old son has leukemia and will die without a bone marrow transplant. The only suitable donor is a vicious incarcerated murderer. What do you do? Well, if you're a cop and a desperate father named Frank Connor (Andy Garcia), you get him out of prison and into a hospital where he is surrounded by doctors, nurses and sick people — rather than cement walls, steel bars and armed guards. And guess what? Surprisingly, he escapes.

Michael Keaton plays Peter McCabe, who is yet another brilliant murderer. The film focuses primarily on attempts to catch McCabe. The police have no qualms



Merrick Morton, courtesy of Tristar pictures

Andy Garcia and Michael Keaton in *Desperate Measures*.

about shooting to kill, but if McCabe dies, his bone marrow becomes useless to Connor's son Matt (Joseph Cross). Consequently, Connor's task is a complicated one: he must catch McCabe without killing him and, at the same time, he must

protect him from police rifles.

Desperate Measures is a poor attempt at adding an ethical and human side to an otherwise cut-and-dry chase story. It seems like an interesting idea, but it quickly falls flat.

Like the plot, the characters in this movie are also quite dull. Andy Garcia's performance is bland as the father and cop, and Michael Keaton, as the villain, is only slightly less than irritating. There is an attempt to turn McCabe into a likable villain, but his antics and slick remarks are only grating and silly. It is unfortunate that capable actors like Garcia and Keaton are stuck with such poorly written characters.

One positive thing about this film is that it chose a wonderful setting. The shots of the San Francisco skyline are stunning. The angled streets and long bridges of the city also provide an excellent setting for car chases.

Desperate Measures is an ordinary action flick and little else, but if you like explosions, gunplay and car chases with two-dimensional characters, perhaps the movie has something for you.

RICK MILLER MASTERS OVER 50 VOICES IN MACHOMER

THEATRE

MacHomer
written by Rick Miller and
William Shakespeare
performed by Rick Miller
at the Arts Barns
January 28, 29, 31

by Dulcie Meatheringham

Do you remember way back when we were little and they came out with those "Classic Comics" which were classic novels put out in comic book format? *MacHomer* is the same sort of deal, only it's one guy doing all of the 50-plus voices and it costs

\$12 to get in.

MacHomer, or the Simpsons do Macbeth, has played at Fringe theatre festivals across Canada and in the US and has sold out wherever it toured.

Lest you think that it was just some guy talking sort of like Homer throughout the evening, I'll tell you this: it took one whole page of the program to list all the characters and all the voices, not all of whom are actual *Simpsons* characters (Kermit the Frog and Animal make cameos). Homer and Marge play MacHomer and Lady MacHomer, respectively. By the end of the play, the poor, crazy Lady MacHomer lost about 3 feet of hair. Other characters included Barney Gumble as MacDuff

(mmmm Duff), Mr. Burns as King Duncan, and Smithers as his mistress. The parallels between the *Simpsons* characters and the *Macbeth* ones played out surprisingly well in Rick Miller's adaptation.

Miller not only wrote and performed *MacHomer*, but also played and wrote the music, and painted the slides in the show. During the performance, he stood to the side of a scrim painted with a cartoonish t.v. screen. The slides helped to differentiate which character was speaking and provided some context for the less Shakespearean-inclined.

The play was not verbatim Shakespeare, though. Ned Flanders as Banquo has enough "okily-dokily's" to make you

want to say "shut up, Flanders," which MacHomer does, frequently.


Miller is a fabulous impressionist. All of the *Simpsons* voices were very, very close to the television versions except for the two "minor" parts of Lisa and Bart in *MacHomer*. Homer's scream was one of Miller's specialties.

If you chance to see this production (good luck on that) keep your eyes and ears out for Senor Bumblebee and Hans Moleman.

Due for the next round of Fringe festivals is Miller's version of *Les Misérables* done by the Simpsons, so get boned up on your Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals or you won't be able to keep up.

Happy Birthday UA

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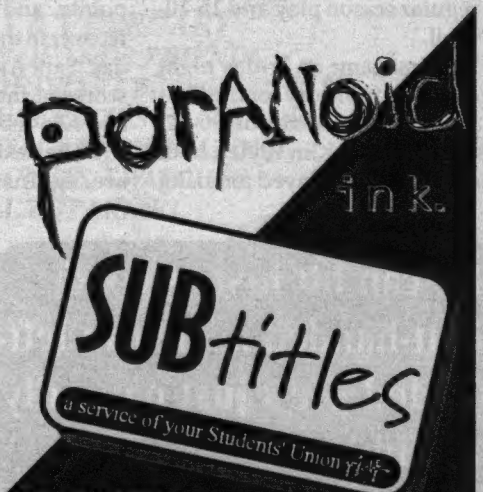
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SPORTS

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THE STREAK IS OVER

BEARS BASKETBALL TEAM ENDS EIGHT GAME WINNING STREAK

by Jason Glabb

Friday was a frustrating night of basketball for the Golden Bears, as they watched their eight game winning streak snapped at the hands of the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns.

The Golden Bears were their own worst enemies, although Lethbridge's solid play should not be dismissed. Despite running into some foul trouble early in the game, the Golden Bears had the opportunity to pull this game out.

"The game was there to be won. Free throws were a factor, being outworked was a factor, and a lack of finish inside [was a factor]. I mean, how many times did we have the ball right under the basket and were not able to finish," said Alberta's head coach Don Horwood.

The Pronghorns were able to capitalize on the Golden Bears' foul trouble throughout the game. In the first half alone Lethbridge was 17 for 21 from the free throw line, contrasting the 5 for 11 free throw shooting of the home squad. Lethbridge made their move fourteen minutes in the game, going on a 12-3 run that translated into a 45-33 lead at the half. In the second half the Golden Bears built momentum and, with five minutes left in the game, they led the 'Horns 71-69. Unfortunately, Alberta was unable to sustain the lead, and Lethbridge took advantage of Golden Bear lapses and fouls to regain the lead for good. As the buzzer sounded in a 91-80 loss, Horwood was frustrated with the play of his team.

"They were hungrier. I saw

them at the end of the game. They were jumping and high-fiving; they were pretty excited. They came in here determined to win the game and I don't think our guys answered the call."

Golden Bear forward Nick Hughes gave his perspective on the game.

"We couldn't finish inside. I don't know how many shots I missed, five or six, and I should have hit them all. They just wanted it more than we did," said Hughes.

Bear Mark Filteau reflected on the game and the determined play of Lethbridge.

"It seemed like they got every bounce tonight, but they also deserved every bounce because they worked hard all night," Filteau said.

More important than this loss is the possibility that the strong inside play of forward Ryan Dunkley might be missed for the rest of the season.

Dunkley went down hard while driving to the net in the second half, and limped off the court. Dunkley did not return to the game, and did not play in Saturday's game.

On Saturday night, the Golden Bears were determined to redeem themselves after Friday's loss. With a focus and intensity unmatched by Lethbridge, the Bears were able to quickly build a commanding lead.

The Golden Bear depth was evident in the first half, with their bench contributing a lot of offensive fire. This helped stagnate the Lethbridge shooting, which was a stone-cold 21% from the field. The

Bears entered the half with an overwhelming 30 point advantage over Lethbridge - 59 to 29.

More than half of the Lethbridge points (16) came from the foul line. They were still making the Golden Bears pay with a sparkling 94% shooting free throws. Captain Jeff Collier the Golden Bear turnaround from the night before.

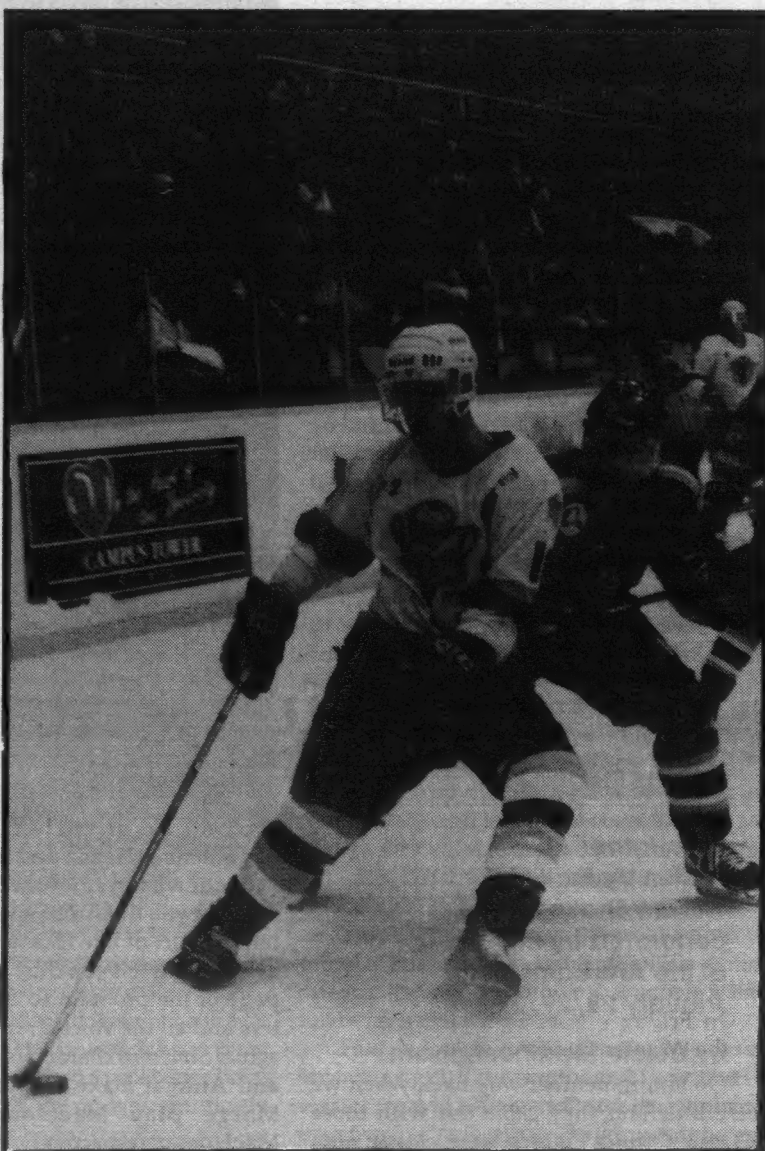
"We were more focused ... We were a little bit calmer and knew what had to be done ... We played better defence, everybody was where they were supposed to be for the most part - in the first half anyway. Let's not mention the second half."

The second half wasn't memorable, at least if you're a Golden Bear. The Lethbridge Horns were able to start landing their shots.

As a result, the second half ended in Lethbridge's favour, but unless a major catastrophe struck the Golden Bears, this game, like most routs, had already been decided at half with the final score 106-84 for the Golden Bears. Brad Berikoff gave his thoughts after the game.

"They are not scared of anyone. They took it to us and we had to claw back, and we clawed back then those guys got tired and we just came and finished it off ... Tonight was good: we got the win but that's about it. We have to play at the same intense level of the first half all the time and in the second half we didn't," said Berikoff.

After dropping the first of the two games, the Bears are hoping to start a new winning streak.



Steven Hamblin

The stands were packed to see the Bears beat the Bobcats.

The cosmos is in order Pandas basketball team winning again

by Laura Matheson

Once again, the world has been returned to its natural order. The Pandas are winning.

The Pandas basketball team took on the Lethbridge Pronghorns, and, as usual, they rocked. In the two game series at the University of Alberta's Varsity Gym, both games were won by the hosting team.

The Pronghorns slunk back to Lethbridge with their one lonely win still standing alone. Their record stands at a disappointing 1-13 in CWUAA play. The Pandas have improved their standing to 9-5 in regular season play and 15-10 overall.

The first game on Friday night was a landslide victory for the Pandas with a final score of 90-47. Kirstin Johns and Kim Wyley, both Pandas forwards, played amazing

games on Friday. Johns scored 16 points and gained six rebounds. Wyley was right on her heels, garnering 16 points and five rebounds. The largest threat to the Pandas' secure hold on the scoreboard came from Pronghorns forward Patti Balderson. Balderson scored 12 points and made two rebounds, but that didn't have much effect on the Pronghorns' pathetic performance.

Saturday's game was almost an exact repeat of Friday's game. The final score was 93-48 in favour of the Pandas. At the half, the Longhorns were trailing by 23 points, and they were unable to recover in the second half. The Pandas' Sara Armstrong was the high scorer of the game with 17 points and two rebounds.

The next games for the Pandas are against the University of

Calgary Dinos in Calgary. The Dinos are currently second in the conference behind the University of Victoria, and they lead the Pandas by a scant four points. Next weekend's match up in Calgary will test the Pandas' teamwork and strategy. The Pandas will have to continue playing at a high caliber and working the whole team. As always, Pandas player to watch will be, well, the whole team. One of the key players for the Dinos is forward Leighann Doan. Last year's CWUAA rookie of the year, Doan not only leads the conference in scoring, averaging 23.4 points per game, but she is also top in the conference for rebounds and free-throws.

With this past weekend's dramatic wins over Lethbridge, the Pandas are back on track, and all is right with the world.

Bears batter Bobcats

by Barrie Tanner

When the Brandon Bobcats rolled into the parking lot behind the Clare Drake, they knew they would be taking on one of the best teams in the league. Brandishing a first place standing, the Golden Bears hockey team was ready to rumble with their opponents, who occupied a lower standing.

Fortunately, the Bears also realized that standings aren't worth squat, and what matters is what happens on the ice.

What happened on the ice is that the Bobcats were hunted to extinction both nights, losing to the Bears 4-2 and 7-3 Friday and Saturday. The U of A came out with an expected sweep, and put on what was probably one of the best games of the year on Friday.

"It was a total team win," said Mike Thompson, who had a four-point weekend. "It's good to put things together, and come out on top."

"We came out on top, and dominated the game right through," said Tim Donnelly, who recorded his first goal of the year

on Friday.

"The key thing is that we got the 4 points. The road [to the playoffs] is only going to get tougher."

The Bears were forced to go into the weekend without the leadership of Troy Hjertaas, the captain of the team, who is out with a sprained shoulder.

"Every game we play we run the risk of losing a player," said Hjertaas. "It happens, and the rest have got to play the same system. The team has to win regardless of who is in the lineup."

Don Glasgow stepped in to replace the injured Hjertaas, and managed to contribute to the victory.

"A player has got to be ready to jump into the game, even on short notice," said Don Glasgow. "I've got big shoes to fill, but I'm doing what I can to help the team."

It was a big weekend for those who reached important **continued on next page ...**

"He can hit just as good right-handed as he can left-handed. He's just naturally amphibious."

-Yogi Berra on Mickey Mantle

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BEARS VOLLEYBALL NEARING END OF SEASON

by Denise Fernandes

Just one weekend left until they can begin the defense of their National title.

The University of Alberta Golden Bears volleyball team returned home from their weekend series with the University of Winnipeg Wesman with a win and a loss.

The Wesman, in first place in the Great Plains, and the Bears, still in second behind the Huskies, took both matches to five games in what was a battle of two evenly matched teams.

The Bears won the first match in a seesaw battle with scores of 15-9, 9-15, 15-9, 15-17, and 22-20.

Trevor Jones was Alberta's best player with 26 kills and 6 digs.

Heath McLeod was Winnipeg's best player with 32 kills and 2 digs.

The second marathon went in

Winnipeg's favour. The scores were 15-17, 16-14, 15-13, 6-17, and 15-8. Murray Grapentine was the best Alberta player with 23 kills and 8 digs. Heath McLeod was, once again, Winnipeg's best player with 35 kills and 9 digs.

Bears head coach Terry Danyluk was pleased with the results of the game. He feels his players are ready to head into the Canada West playoffs.

"We played ten good games of high level volleyball and we got one win and one loss. There were some positive things. The standings are pretty much set now; we'll finish second in the Canada West and will host UBC in the playoffs," he said.

The last part of the schedule is working in the Bears' favour. They have had the chance to get more and more prepared by playing the number one and three ranked

teams in the country.

This invaluable experience has helped the Bears to focus on playing their kind of volleyball and hopefully, they realize now that their style is good enough to beat any team.

"Playing the number one and three ranked teams before the Nationals always helps a team, and has helped us to get ready for the playoffs," Danyluk said.

This week, Golden Bear Trevor Jones was named one of the Canada West players of the week. He led the Bears in this weekend series with 48 kills and 12 digs.

"Trevor was one of our top players this weekend. He's playing in a new position this year [right side] and has done a good job adjusting to that," said Danyluk.

Just one weekend left before the real fun begins.

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milestones during the weekend series.

Goaltender Dale Masson played his 100th game as a Golden Bear.

Mike Jickling reached his 200th point. Mike Thompson, meanwhile, garnered his 150th goal, and continues to lead the Golden Bears in scoring.

Another player to notice is Russ Hewson, who upped his record to 9 goals in 6 games.

But Hewson downplays his personal contribution to the Bears' success, and points instead to his teammates.

"The team's come around it has nothing to do with me," said the forward, who sports a 4

point weekend - his second in a row.

But while he fulfills the role as goal scorer, he is also a force in the corners.

"For me to be effective, I have to play both styles. Any player does," said Hewson. "You have to work the puck in the corners, take the punishment in front of the net ... that's the reason for the chances you get that and hard work."

Brandon's coach confirms it, adding, "It's going to be a challenge for them to play like this through to the end of March and I believe they will."

And this is one coach that the Bears don't disagree with.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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Pandas volleyball team still the best

by Gateway staff

They didn't even break a sweat.

The University of Alberta Pandas volleyball team swept the University of Winnipeg on two straight nights, winning 3-0 both nights.

On Friday night the Pandas beat the Wesmen by scores of 15-4, 15-4 and 15-6. Panda Cheri Lansdown had 11 kills and eight digs on the night.

Saturday was a repeat of Friday's slaughter, as Winnipeg fell to

Alberta 15-6, 15-10 and 15-11.

The wins were not exactly unexpected, as the Pandas arrived in Winnipeg with a stellar record of 12-4, while the host team sat at 3-10 before the visitors delivered the beating.

Stephanie Nychka was the best Winnipeg player both nights, with eight kills and eight digs on Friday, and seven kills and 11 digs on Saturday.

After the stellar weekend on the road, Panda Andrea Oh moved

up to first place in the conference in kill efficiency percentage.

Not surprisingly, the Pandas are now seated in first place in the Canada West conference. British Columbia follows closely in second.

After the weekend, Winnipeg dropped to the last spot in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

In the last weekend of regular season action, the Pandas will host the University of Calgary Dinos here this weekend.

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Election's Office

Referendum and Plebiscite Announcement and Registration Meeting

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Registration of the YES and NO sides for the upcoming election will occur at the all candidates meeting to be held Friday February 13, 1998 at 5:00 pm in Room 3-06.

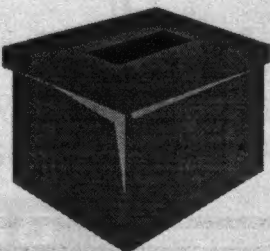
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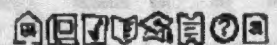
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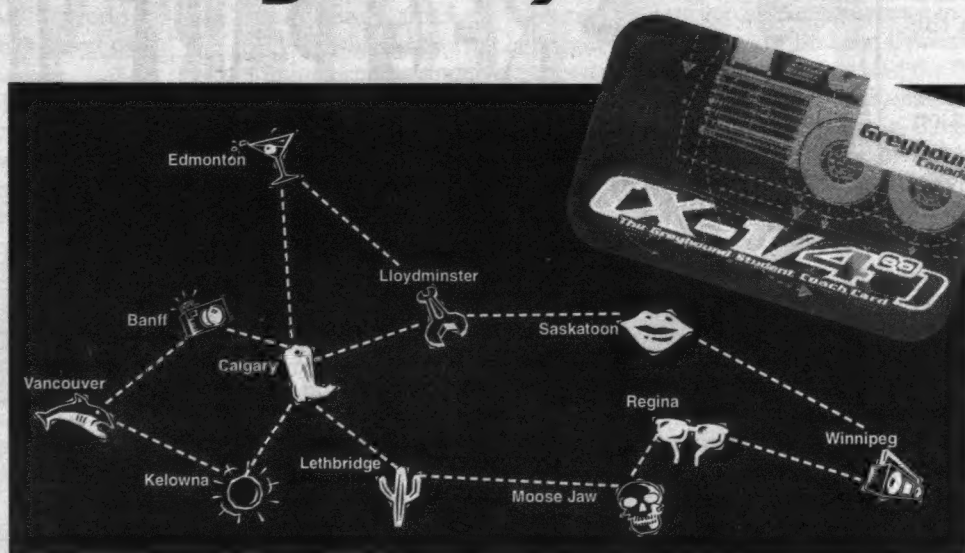
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